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RUPALTA

Havre de Grace, Md.

c. early 19th century

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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1 NAME

HISTORIC

Rupalta
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1319 Superior St.

6
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Havre de Grace
STATE

VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Maryland

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
☐ YES RESTRICTED
☐ YES UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

ACCESSIBLE

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Clayton Stephens

Telephone #: 939-5561

STREET & NUMBER

1319 Superior St.

21078

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

Havre de Grace

VICINITY OF

Md.

21078

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

45 S. Main St.

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Bel Air

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

"Rupalta" is a four-bay, two-and-a-half story, rectangular frame farm house having a two-story el on the east side, north elevation and a low one-story enclosed porch extending across the east elevation. The house, with 1.85 acres of land, faces south on Superior St. (State Route 155) Although in the hills above Havre de Grace, the property is within the city limits. It is covered with vinyl siding.

A three-bay entrance porch on a stone foundation is on the facade (south elevation). A box cornice with a dentil band and plain frieze is supported by six columns separated by railings; above the cornice is a balcony with more railing.

The first floor facade has an irregular fenestration pattern contrasting with the four evenly spaced second floor windows with pedimented dormers above them. All windows have 6/6 light sash with the exception of the modern casement arrangements on the main block facade, west end, and in the enclosed porch on the east elevation. On the south end of the porch, the casements are framed by pilasters.

The main entrance is located in the central bay of the facade. The door, six-paneled with glass in the upper four panels, is flanked by sidelights of leaded glass with molded panels under them and a twelve-light transom.

Both the main block and wing have gable end roofs, covered with asphalt. Brick chimneys rise from the interior ends of the main block. A tall, thin brick chimney is also located on the exterior of the east, gable, wall, main block. The roof has a plain box cornice.

Outbuildings:

On the east side of the dwelling is a frame milk house on a high random-rubble foundation, lighted by one crudely, framed, pegged window opening. Possibly, the structure containing one room and a loft was once a spring house. The first floor room has a below grade floor and plastered walls. While the first floor is entered through a door on the south side, the loft is entered through double doors on the west elevation. The gable roof is wood shingled. Attached to the structure on the east side is a one room addition of stucco over stone, frame and formstone with a tin shed roof.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) local history
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES *early 19th century.*

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

A frame, four-bay, two-and-a-half story farm house and a milk house on 1.85 acres are material reminders of a 300 acre grant called "Rupalta". First laid off in 1661 for Henry Stockett, who owned all the land, deeded to him by Godfrey Harmer in 1695, that was to become Havre de Grace, the land today is in sub-divisions. Some names associated with "Rupalta" in the 18th century are Barnes, Mitchell and Gover. The present house known as "Rupalta" was probably built in the late 18th or early 19th century. When James Mitchell died in 1812, he owned all 300 acres of the "Rupalta" tract (Judgment Book G page 476). In 1880, the property came into the Hopkins family through the marriage of Cassandra Gover to Worthington Hopkins. Members of the Hopkins family, many of whom were prominent in the affairs of the town, lived in the house and ran a dairy farm there. They had the house extensively remodeled on the interior around 1920 and most of the land was sold to developers by a member of that family in the late 1950's.

Architecturally the house is a Georgian plan farm house enlarged and altered to reflect the changing needs and tastes of its occupants. Located in the rich agricultural land in the hills above Havre de Grace the dwelling and milk house are still within the city limits.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Wright, C. Milton - Our Harford Heritage C. Milton Wright, publisher, 1966
 Article in The Aegis by Ms. Mary Bristow, Thursday, April 18, 1976.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marion Morton, Architectural Surveyor 10/22/76

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Annapolis, Md. 21401

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

Rupalta

LAND DEEDS

GRG 711 17 May 23, 1966
Grantors: Lawrence Salmela and Virginia, his wife
Grantees: Clayton Stephens and Ila, his wife
1.85 acres

GRG 533 287 August 20, 1959
Grantors: T. Ridgely Baker and Helen, his wife
Grantees: Lawrence Salemla and Virginia, his wife

GRG 510 4 September 12, 1958
Grantor: Marcia L. Hopkins
Grantees: T. Ridgely Baker and wife
Thomas C. Hopkins by his Last Will and Testament to Marcia (RLW 22 94)

JAR 162 352 March 8, 1919
Grantors: Lyman Perry and Elizabeth, his wife
Grantee: Thomas C. Hopkins
Known as part of a tract called "Rupalta", 80 acres.

ALG 40 478 April 7, 1880
Grantor: J. Thomas C. Hopkins, trustee
Grantees: Worthington Hopkins and Cassandra, his wife
\$4,200.00 80 acres Equity Court - Being the same land on which they now reside and which was adjudged to Elizabeth Gover during her lifetime with remainder to her children by a payment in the Equity Court, May 18, 1843 in a suit of ejectment by Lewis Horts vs. James Gover. Casandra Hopkins nee Gover was the daughter of Elizabeth and James Gover. The case states there is one set of buildings on the land.

HD 19 24 September 2, 1835
Grantor: John Kean, Sheriff
Grantee: James Gover
James Gover purchased 200 acres called "Rupalta" for \$183.42; the land was previously owned by Govers.

HD 8 167 February 22, 1825
Grantor: Robert Gover
Grantee: George P. Gover
\$1,000 200 acres

JLG K 158 October 11, 1788
Grantor: Bennet Barnes, House Carpenter
Grantee: James Mitchell, Yeoman
300 acres

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MD. HISTORICAL TRUST
BOX 1704
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:

Stephens - Hopkins House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

1319 Superior Street or Level Road (Md 155)

CITY OR TOWN:

Havre de Grace

STATE

Md

CDDE

COUNTY:

Harford

CDDE

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Private <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
			No: <input type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:

Clayton Stephens

STREET AND NUMBER:

1319 Superior Street

CITY OR TOWN:

Havre de Grace

STATE:

Maryland

CODE

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

STREET AND NUMBER:

HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE

40 S. MAIN ST.

CITY OR TOWN:

BEL AIR

STATE

MARYLAND

CDDE

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:

Federal ☐State ☐County ☐Local ☐

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CDDE

STATE:

COUNTY:

ENTRY NUMBER
DATE

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>			Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Original Site <input type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Frame house, clapboard covered, ^{2 1/2 stories,} L shaped with a lean-to enclosed porch, the house faces south, the roof/ridge line east-west with brick chimneys rising from heated fireplaces upstairs and down ^{inside} ~~at~~ either end wall. A thick chimney rises from the wing, 2 stories that runs north along the east wall.

The roof has a sharp peak, very narrow eaves. Windows throughout have 6 lights over 6, except the two small gable end windows in the attic, 3 over 6.

4 Bays by 2 in the main house, 2 x 2 in the wing. The front door and a window on either side are sheltered now by a wide front porch with a second-story railing.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☒ ?20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☐

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☐Agriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Sociol/Humon-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itorion ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐ArchitectureMusic ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

This is the old farmhouse of the Hepkin's farm whose fields to the north have been developed in housing during the last 20 yrs. This was a family of doctors and bankers, very popular with rich and poor, widely known personalities.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CDDE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CDDE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CDDE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

JEAN S. EWING

ORGANIZATION

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

DATE

STREET AND NUMBER:

50 STATE CIRCLE

CITY OR TOWN:

ANNAPOLIS

STATE

MARYLAND

CODE

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

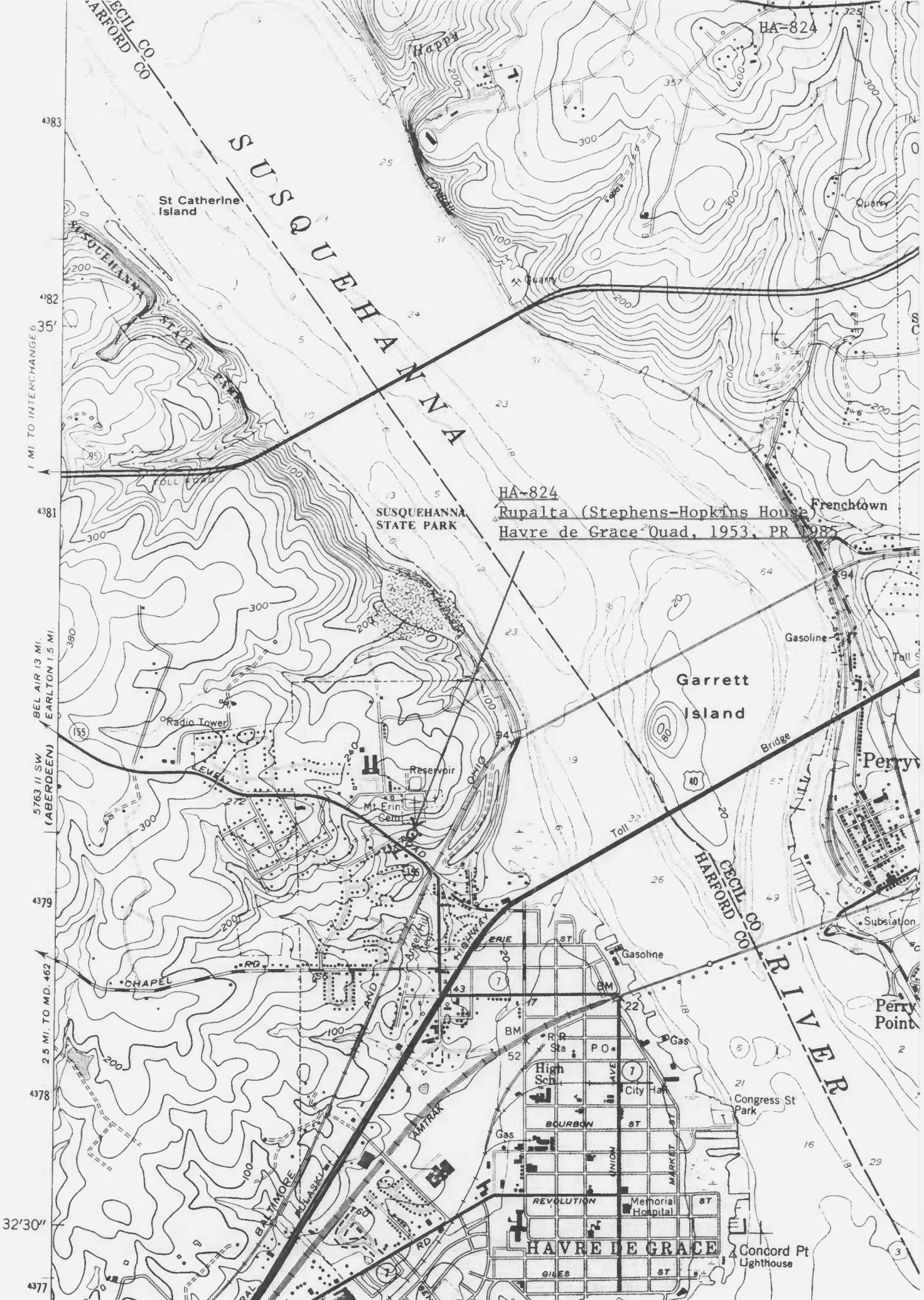
Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS



32°30'

4383
4382
35'
4381
4379
4378
4377

5763 II SW
(ABERDEEN)
BEL AIR 13 MI.
EARLTON 1.5 MI.

1 MI TO INTERCHANGE 6

CECIL CO
HARFORD CO

St Catherine Island

SUSQUEHANNA

SUSQUEHANNA STATE PARK

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Rupalta (Stephens-Hopkins House) Frenchtown
Havre de Grace Quad, 1953, PR 985

Garrett Island

Bridge

Perry Point

Gasoline

Gasoline

Congress St Park

Concord Pt Lighthouse

HAVRE DE GRACE

REvolution ST

SCOURBON ST

High Sch

City Hall

Gas

Gasoline

Reservoir

Radio Tower

CHAPEL

OLL ROAD

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RUPALTA

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1319 Superior St., Harre de Grace

Marion Morton . Oct, 1976

SOUTHEAST ELEVATION